

State of Wisconsin



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2009 WISCONSIN ACT 307

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 117.20 (1); *to amend* 117.22 (1) (b) 1.; and *to create* 117.08 (5) and 117.20 (1) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** the procedure for school district consolidations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 117.08 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

117.08 (5) **ALTERNATIVE TIMELINES.** (a) If each school board adopting a resolution under sub. (1) specifies in its resolution that the alternative timeline under this paragraph applies, the dates specified in subs. (2), (3) (a) 2., and (4) are changed as follows:

1. The resolutions ordering or denying a consolidation under sub. (2) shall be adopted in the first December beginning after the adoption of resolutions by 2 or more school boards under sub. (1). Failure of a school board to adopt a resolution either ordering or denying the consolidation before January 1 constitutes a denial of the consolidation by that school board.

2. The petition requesting a referendum under sub. (3) (a) 2. shall be filed before the 2nd Tuesday of February following the adoption of the resolutions under sub. (2).

3. If a majority of the votes cast in each affected school district is in favor of consolidation, the school districts shall be consolidated on the 2nd following July 1.

(b) If each school board adopting a resolution under sub. (1) specifies in its resolution that the alternative timeline under this paragraph applies, the dates specified in subs. (2) and (3) (a) 2. are changed as follows:

1. The resolutions ordering or denying a consolidation under sub. (2) shall be adopted in the first May beginning after the adoption of resolutions by 2 or more school boards under sub. (1). Failure of a school board to adopt a resolution either ordering or denying the consolidation before June 1 constitutes a denial of the consolidation by that school board.

2. The petition requesting a referendum under sub. (3) (a) 2. shall be filed before the 2nd Tuesday of July following the adoption of resolutions under sub. (2).

SECTION 2. 117.20 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 117.20 (1) (a) and amended to read:

117.20 (1) (a) ~~If Except as provided in par. (b), if~~ a referendum is required under ss. 117.08 to 117.11, it shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November following receipt of the petition or adoption of the resolution under s. 117.08 (3) (a), 117.09 (3) (a), 117.10 (3) (a) or 117.11 (4) (a). If a referendum is required under s. 117.105, it shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in the 2nd November following receipt of the petition or adoption of the resolution under s. 117.105 (1).

SECTION 3. 117.20 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

117.20 (1) (b) 1. If the alternative timeline under s. 117.08 (5) (a) is used and a referendum is required, it shall be held on the first Tuesday in April following receipt of

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 2007-08 : Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].

the petition or adoption of the resolution under s. 117.08 (3) (a).

2. If the alternative timeline under s. 117.08 (5) (b) is used and a referendum is required, it shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday in September following receipt of the petition or adoption of the resolution under s. 117.08 (3) (a).

SECTION 4. 117.22 (1) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

117.22 (1) (b) 1. If no referendum is required, on the 2nd Tuesday of September following the adoption of the

resolution under s. 117.08 (2) or 117.09 (2); except that if the alternative timeline under s. 117.08 (5) (a) is used, on the 2nd Tuesday of February following the adoption of the resolution under s. 117.08 (2); and if the alternative timeline under s. 117.08 (5) (b) is used, on the 2nd Tuesday of July following the adoption of the resolution under s. 117.08 (2).

SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 117.08 (5) of the statutes first applies to resolutions adopted under section 117.08 (1) of the statutes on the effective date of this subsection.
